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HOUSE RESOLUTION 57
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A RESOLUTION To recognize and honor Master Sergeant
Charles Raymond Hicks upon the occasion of
his retirement from the United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who in their years of military service have performed with the utmost courage, devotion, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks is most assuredly one such public servant who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Hicks will be retiring from the United States Air Force after twenty-four years of honorable and steadfast service to his country; and

WHEREAS, A remarkable scholar, he received an Associate in Applied Science in Communication Applications Technology from the Community College of the Air Force and an Associate in Liberal Arts from Saint Leo College; in August 2000, he earned a 4.0 GPA and was recognized on the 2000 Dean's List; and

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WHEREAS, Always striving to expand his education, Master Sergeant Charles Hicks trained as a Microsoft Certified System Engineer at Central Missouri State University and in Computer Information Systems at City College of Chicago-Europe; he has studied various Windows NT 4.0 programs, including Networking Essentials, Implementing and Supporting Workstation, Internetworking with Microsoft TCP/IP, Implementing and Supporting Server, Implementing and Supporting Server in the Enterprise, Implementing and Supporting Server Internet Information Server; and

WHEREAS, This dedicated professional has also attended an On-Job Training Manager Supervisor Course, Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership School, Non-Commissioned Officer Command Academy, and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks earned accreditation as a Microsoft Certified Professional, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, and a Microsoft Certified Professional + Internet; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Hicks began his distinguished military career as the Supply Squadron Fuels Accountant with the 363rd Wing in 1977; his expertise with the military computer accounting system contributed to a favorable rating for his section by the Air Force Audit Agency; and

WHEREAS, He served, in 1983, as an Intelligence Analyst with the 9th Air Force United States Central Command Air Forces, monitoring and maintaining intelligence information for political and military developments; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Master Sergeant Charles Hicks was assigned as Intelligence Technician for the 24th Air Division Northeast Air Defense Sector, in which position he also served as the Combat Intelligence Officer; while there, he authored a program for the Zenith 150 computer which significantly improved the calculations and plotting of the earliest probable arrival time of communist bloc aircraft into the 24th Air Defense Region; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks, in 1987, served as the Intelligence Technician of the Combined Forces Command Korea, performing operational and administrative functions in the Combined Indications and Warning Alert Center; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Hicks began his exemplary career as a Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge in 1990, serving the Red Air Division of the 41st Training Group; he developed opposing force air campaigns for computer-generated training exercises; he also supervised the complete overhaul of the Air Warfare System and authored an off-line program that reduced data base preparation time by 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Master Sergeant Charles Hicks was transferred to the Central Region Joint Operational Intelligence Cell, where he lead and monitored a combined service team of intelligence analysts providing NATO releasable intelligence information; in addition to his duties as Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge, he served as the Sensitive Compartmented Information Security Officer; he also authored the Master Deployment Plan and the foreign disclosure procedure; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles R. Hicks, in 1999, assumed his duties as Superintendent of the 509th Operational Support Squadron Intelligence Flight; as Superintendent, he was responsible for ensuring the combat readiness of the Air Force's only B2 wing combat intelligence flight through forecasting, coordination, and tracking of personnel training; he managed the flight inspection and mobility program to ensure flight was ready to support worldwide contingency tasking; developed and implemented an automated tracking program, which consolidated training, mobility, personnel availability status, Unit Tasking Codes, event calendars, and various other administrative functions; he co-authored the Intelligence Flight's first ever initial and mission qualification training and annual education programs, which is now an Air Combat Command benchmark; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks has ably served this Nation in the supply and intelligence field, managing up to 30 personnel and a \$250,000 budget; during his

career, he also ensured the proper utilization of \$6.5 million worth of essential resources; he has worked hand-in-hand with commissioned officers in program development and implementation and served with distinction as the Exercise Evaluation Team Leader for the Intelligence Flight; and

WHEREAS, During his honorable and illustrious career, Master Sergeant Charles Hicks was awarded numerous recognitions, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Hicks is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks for his dedication to the United States Military; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and recognize Master Sergeant Charles Raymond Hicks for his meritorious service to the United States of America, the U.S. Air Force and its men and women, commend the courage and conviction with which he has served, and offer our gratitude for his twenty-four years of military service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.